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For

DISPENSER/SPREADER ARTICLE FOR SPACKLING AND PASTE

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Dear Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to entering the National Stage.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.